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A.—G.O. No. 54 I., dated 9th January 1929, [a] is laid on the table. Items (2), (3) and (4) referred to in the Government Order will be investigated by a special subdivision sanctioned for the purpose.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know when this committee will commence its operations?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I believe it is working now."

Repairs to tanks in the East Godavari Agency damaged by heavy rains.

* 1634 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks that were damaged in East Godavari during the current financial year on account of heavy rains;

(*b*) the probable cost of such damages; and

(*c*) whether any and, if so, what provision for repairs has been made in the budget for 1929–30?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Part II of the papers on "Floods—Vizagapatam and East Godavari—October 1928" which have already been placed on the Council Table. The cost of repairing the damages caused to the Public Works Department works has not been reported. The Superintending Engineer has, however, reported that steps have been taken to carry out all urgent works wherever necessary.

(*c*) There is no separate provision in the budget for meeting the cost of flood damages. It is included in the lump allotment for "Maintenance and repairs"

Re-examination of the Gundalakama scheme.

* 1635 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the re-examination of the Gundalakama scheme by the Chief Engineer referred to in the answer to question No. 662, answered on 26th November 1928, has been completed; and

(*b*) if not, at what stage the same is at present?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The estimate for the scheme is under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) who expects to submit it to Government about the middle of March 1929.

Alleged grievances of owners of lands below the Vellalore tank in Coimbatore taluk.

* 1636 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the owners of lands below the Vellalore tank in Coimbatore taluk complained that the owners of lands above the tank were taking practically the whole water coming in the channel and that therefore they had to suffer much loss;

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 458–459 infra.